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Mr. Loch Johnson
Permanent Select Committee
on Intelligence
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Loch:

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Some weeks ago you asked me questions about a [redacted] and also about the degree to which Fidel Castro has been making use of the Hispanic community to propagate his views on the invasion of the Shaba Province in Zaire. Answers to your questions are as follows:

a. The case in which a permanent resident alien was discovered to have serious Soviet connections has been resolved. The case in question is one in which there was initially a lack of sufficient background information on the permanent resident alien and his connections with the Soviets to enable us to make a judgment as to the proper procedure to be followed in pursuing an investigation of the case. Once the background and details of the case were given to us by the FBI, we were enabled to and have pursued it.

b. There is no evidence available to this Agency that Fidel Castro has used the Hispanic community to publicize his point of view on the invasion of Shaba Province.

As you will observe, these two paragraphs are a little thin. In the first case, the issue was resolved as soon as enough detailed information was made available for senior authority to exercise its discretionary ability to pursue the CI case involving a U.S. person (the permanent resident alien). The second case you cited in your request unhappily

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is the kind of case that is frequently difficult to come to grips with, but please rest assured that there has been no muting of Agency reporting on this subject. There simply hasn't been any reporting on this subject from any source that we are aware of.

I hope the foregoing will be useful to you.

Sincerely,



Assistant Legislative Counsel

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